



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON • ICRTAC CHAIR—TOM STRATTON • PLANNING MANAGER—CURT HUTCHINGS

MINUTES

Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

November 4, 2015, 2:00 pm

Parowan City Offices

35 East 100 North, Parowan, UT

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Donald Landes
Mayor H.C. "Dutch" Deutschlander
Mayor Robert Rasmussen
Mayor Galen Allred

REPRESENTING:

Parowan City
Brian Head Town
Enoch City
Kanarraville

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner David Miller
Commissioner Alma Adams
Mayor Constance Robinson
Mayor Maile Wilson
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff

REPRESENTING:

Iron County
Iron County
Paragonah Town
Cedar City
Iron County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Tom Stratton
Mr. Rob Dotson
Mr. Shayne Scott
Mr. Bret Howser
Mr. Mike Worthen
Mr. Curt Hutchings
Mr. Dave Demas

REPRESENTING:

Brian Head
Enoch City
Parowan City
Brian Head Town
Iron County
Five County AOG
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I. Quorum Declaration

The meeting was chaired by Mayor H.C. Deutschlander in the absence of Mayor Connie Robinson. Mayor H.C. Deutschlander called the meeting to order and declared that there was a quorum present.

II. Approve Minutes for September 2, 2015

A motion was made by Mayor Robert Rasmussen, seconded by Mayor Galen Allred, to approve the Sept. 2, 2015 Minutes of the Iron County Rural Transportation Executive Committee (ICRTEC).

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Brian Head - Draft Transportation Master Plan

Dave Demas introduced the draft plan and then introduced Tom Stratton who presented the plan to the group. Mr. Stratton explained how he had requested funding from the CIB over two years ago to prepare this master plan since Brian Head has never had a Transportation Master Plan. The CIB couldn't fund the plan but shortly after Tom was contacted by the Rural Planning Group who offered to prepare the plan, free of charge, so it didn't cost Brian Head anything except time to have the plan prepared. Shannon Ellsworth was the project manager from the Rural Planning Group and did a wonderful job. A committee was set up to help with the planning. The committee included city staff, planning commission, Dave Demas from the RPO, Tom Stratton, Cedar Breaks, UDOT, City Council, and citizens. Tom explained that the vision was to take in more than just city streets but wanted to take in all transportation elements.

Tom explained how the group created a SWOT which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats and explained what each was and what some of the items were in each category. Once these SWOTS were identified, the group set many goals. Steps were identified to accomplish the goals and then looked at policies that could be identified in the plan as well as the General Plan. Mr. Demas explained that in each of the steps or policies listed, a responsible party will be identified to help accomplish each step. Tom gave several examples of how each of the goals and policies were identified with and tied to the General Plan. He has strong feelings that the two documents should go hand in hand and be intermingled. Tom then explained the plan coordination. He identified many of the plans that have been developed for the area, such as the Brian Head Interpretive Plan, Patch way Parkway Interpretive Plan and others, and noted that the group tried to tie the new



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Transportation Master Plan to each of these plans. Other statistical facts were briefly discussed.

Tom then discussed the project list and how it will and has helped in getting projects identified on lists, especially the state STIP list. He is currently working on getting the Hunter Ridge road on the STIP list to see if any funding could be allocated. Mr. Demas noted the importance of getting some of the Brian Head Roads identified on the Functional Class system. This may help with future funding opportunities. Roads identified as local streets are considered differently.

Tom noted that one of the major problems in Brian Head is the lack of parking. Parking was identified as one of the biggest issues that Brian Head has with respect to transportation. This was noted as a major concern. Signage and way-finding is also a big issue that was recognized as an important issues within the community. Mr. Demas noted that there will maps and potential capital project lists list included with the final plan when it is published which he understands will be quite soon. Mr. Demas and Mr. Stratton both recognized Ms. Ellsworth, with the Rural Planning Group for the good job she has done in pulling this plan together and keeping the group focused.

IV. OHV Update

Mr. Demas then introduced the next presentation by Mr. Mike Worthen, with Iron County. Mr. Worthen is the person coordinating the OHV plan currently underway throughout Iron County. Mr. Demas noted that OHV, trails, etc. are part of our overall transportation plan and process.

Mr. Worthen indicated that the County Commissioners asked him to start working on an OHV plan a little over a year ago. He indicated the various groups he is working with and noted the committee that was set up and has been meeting on a regular basis. The system will be called the Color Country OHV Trail. There is also a logo developed to identify, or brand the Color Country OHV Trail system. Mr. Worthen indicated that all of the cities, as well as the county, BLM, Forest Service, local ATV clubs, State Parks and Recreation, Division of Wildlife Resources, UDOT, Five County AOG, and Iron County. They have divided the trails into segments. The Markagunt Trail System; from the top near Brian Head to I-15 and is essentially everything east of I-15, The Parowan Gap Trail Segment; from I-15 to the west and north from Enoch to the county line, The Bumble/Chloride Trail Segment; kind of the south central portion of the county, The Mount Escalante Trail Segment; which is south of Modena, and the Steamboat Mountain Trail which is everything north of Modena. Mr. Worthen presented an example of the maps that will be used to identify the trail system along with a color-coding describing the trail difficulty. Trails will have a designation (number) on each. He also identified the location of the High Desert trail



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that has been congressionally identified in the Washington County Lands Bill. He hopes it will go through the county and eventually up to Tooele County. Talked about connectivity with the counties by use of the Piute Trail. There are some issues in the Brain Head area with private property owners that are quite difficult. There has been some movement by the Forest Service to get a trail into Panguitch area. Mr. Worthen indicated that the Markagunt system identification is nearly done. The group as gone to the BLM on the Markagunt and the Parowan Gap systems and asked them to go through the Travel Management system process, they have agree to do that. There may be some sensitive species issues with the sage grouse. The goal is to get all the system finished within the year but it has taken a lot of work. Mr. Demas commended Mr. Worthen and his efforts in this task and keeping everyone at the table, including the BLM and the Forest Service.

V. UDOT Update

Mr. Demas excused Jim McConnell and UDOT members as they had some issues that came up that prevented them from attending.

VI. Next Year's Meeting Schedule

Mr. Demas presented the schedule for next year with a similar rotation as previous years.

VII. Other Discussion Items

VIII. Next Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6, 2015 in Enoch.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Galen Allred, seconded by Mayor Bob Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY